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EXAMINER

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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/982,573	<b>Applicant(s)</b> ALVE ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> David Y. Jung	<b>Art Unit</b> 2134	

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### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 November 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-25, 28, 29, 47-68, 71, 72, 87-108, 111, 112 and 120-122 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) 1-25, 28-29, 47-68, 71-72, 87-108, 111-112, 120-122 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### **CLAIMS PRESENTED**

Claims 1-25,28-29,47-68,71-72,87-108,111-112,120-122 are presented.

### **CLAIM REJECTIONS**

#### ***Election/Restrictions***

Upon a careful consideration, the claims have been discovered to be of several inventions:

Group I: Claims 1, 2, 5, 28, 50, 51, 53, 71, 90, 91, 93, 111 and their dependent claims, directed to encryption using a content key and a domain key, class 380, subclass 281.

Group II: Claims 7, 11, 55, 57 and their dependent claims, directed to voucher handling, class 713, subclass 156.

Group III: Claims 14, 19, 59, 62, 99, 102 and their dependent claims, directed to content key handlings with public key, class 380, subclass 282.

Group IV: Claims 23, 66, 106 and their dependent claims, directed to content key handlings with watermarking, class 713, subclass 176.

Group V: Claims 47, 87, and 120 and their dependent claims, directed to encryption handlings with domain traversal and usage records, class 726, subclass 7.

Inventions I, II, III, IV, V are related as combination and subcombination. Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for

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patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05(c)). In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination. The subcombinations have separate utility such as noted in the descriptions of each Group in the previous paragraphs.

### ***Conclusion***

The art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The art disclosed general background.

### ***Points of Contact***

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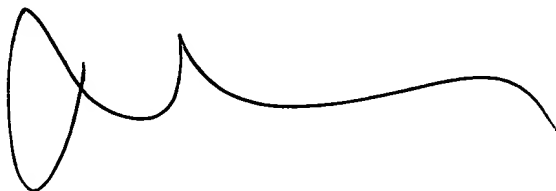
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Jung whose telephone number is (703) 308-5262 or Greg Morse whose telephone number is (703) 308-4789.

David Jung

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Patent Examiner

2006-01-23

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